

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 996

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mitch and Debby Steenrod, 2022 Spirit Award Dinner Honorees.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Mitch and Debby Steenrod are two such exemplary persons, who will be duly honored at the 2022 Spirit Award Dinner for their selfless efforts to improve lives in their community; and

WHEREAS, Mitch and Debby Steenrod will receive this prestigious honor from the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation during a special ceremony on April 5, 2022, at the Knoxville Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Steenrods have been friends and advocates of the McNabb Center and Helen Ross McNabb Foundation for nearly fifteen years, providing invaluable assistance with campaigns and fundraising events and serving on numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, their passion for our nation's military and veterans paved the way for the founding of the McNabb Center's Military Services program, which launched in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Military Services program is available to anyone who has served in the military and extends to their family or caregivers; through the program, specially trained therapists assist individuals facing post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, substance use, co-occurring disorders, thoughts of suicide, and other invisible wounds incurred from military service, regardless of discharge status; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their commendable work with the Military Services program, Mitch and Debby Steenrod have opened their home to sponsor events benefitting the Helen

Ross McNabb Foundation; Mitch Steenrod has also served on both the Center's and Foundation's board of directors and finance committees; and

WHEREAS, Debby Steenrod is also actively involved with HonorAir, working closely with the organization to help provide needed support to the veterans it serves; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional, Mitch Steenrod currently serves as Lead Independent Director of CarMax, Inc.; he is the retired Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Pilot Travel Centers, LLC, the nation's largest travel centers and truck stops operator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steenrod began his career at Pilot in 2001 as controller and treasurer and was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer in 2004, the position he held until his retirement in 2018. He previously spent twelve years with Marathon Oil Company and Marathon Ashland Petroleum, LLC, in various roles of increasing responsibility in accounting, general management, and marketing and also served as chairman of the Knoxville Chamber from 2015 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mitch and Debby Steenrod are exemplary citizens whose commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and it is highly appropriate that we should recognize them on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mitch and Debby Steenrod upon their special recognition at the 2022 Spirit Award Dinner, applaud their outstanding community leadership and tireless commitment to the well-being of others, and extend to them our warmest wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.